

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for producing an at least four-ply sandwich nonwoven material made-up by continuous forming of at least four the plies, which are bonded to one another that is, first the base ply, then the at least two middle plies and finally the cover ply, then continuous bonding of the nonwoven material, four-ply in any case, by hydrodynamic needling in order to bond alone, followed by drying of the nonwoven material, the two outer plies being made-up of formed from nonwovens of cardable staple fibers up to 100 mm long, which are produced by the carding method, or of spun-bond, or melt-blown or other special fibers and the at least two inner plies covered by the outer plies being made-up of produced from unlike pulp fibers or pulp fibers and other fibers such as blended with synthetic fibers or natural fibers, and the middle plies, two in any case, having unlike liquid absorption capacities.

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (canceled)

5. (new) The method for producing a nonwoven material of Claim 1, characterized in that one of the plies between the outer plies is produced from a mesh-like nonwoven, a mesh of arbitrary plastic or of arbitrary other fibers or the like.

6. (new) The method for producing a nonwoven material of Claim 1, characterized in that the sandwich nonwoven is outwardly covered by a mesh-like layer.